

By STUART EARP; Wycombe 2, Aveley 2

FIELDING a side containing two newcomers, Wycombe Wanderers looked well set for victory in Saturday's friendly against Aveley. But after leading 1-0 at half time, they allowed their opponents to come back and snatch a share of the honours in the second half.

The two new faces — Ian Barber and Bill Roberts — have both trained with Wycombe this season and understandably, they took time to get going and knit into the team. Apart from one bright spell just after the break, young Barber struggled throughout before being substituted by Dave Wright after 71 minutes. Roberts worked hard in midfield and in time could become a useful acquisition.

The choice of Wright, the Blues second choice goalkeeper, as substitute typified Wycombe's shortage of players. Three were on international duty in Wales while three more were playing for the County. On top of that, Wanderers had three players out injured.

Wanderers went ahead as early as the eighth minute, Terry Reardon scoring his first goal for the club in fine style. Tony Horseman's corner was half cleared to Reardon, on the edge of the box. He caught the ball perfectly on the volley and sent it dipping through a crowded goalmouth and into the net.

Aveley came back well through Tom McWhinnie, whose

long range shooting was a constant threat. They used the ball intelligently, attacking via the flanks, but found little change from the home rearguard.

Perrin blasted the ball high over the top when it seemed easier to score and Grant forced a finger-tip save from Brian Callington before the break.

The second half really belonged to Aveley. They equalised in the 54th minute after a series of errors in the home defence. John Maskell's goalkick fell short and Dave Bullock tried to head the ball back to the 'keeper. Jerry Sullivan nipped in and coolly chipped the ball home after side-stepping Maskell.

Five minutes later, Wycombe once again took the lead when Paul Birdseye sent Horseman clear and although looking suspiciously off-side, "Bodger" was in no doubt. He ran on, drew Callington and lofted the ball into the net.

Aveley, were far from finished and in the 69th minute a slack piece of work in the Wycombe defence allowed them to pull back to 2-2. McWhinnie flighted a free kick perfectly into the box where Allen rose high above the defence to nod home.

Both sides had chances for victory in the closing stages with Maskell pushing over Vince Cotter's effort and then Steve Perrin hitting the crossbar with an acrobatic header. In the end, however, the 2-2 draw was just about the right result.

WYCOMBE: J. Maskell; P. Birdseye, P. Wood, D. Bullock, R. Grant, T. Reardon, A. Brothers, W. Roberts, I. Barber (sub D. Wright 71 mins.), A. Horseman, S. Perrin.

AVELEY: B. Callington; J. Allen, E. Marjoram, B. Walder, K. Cawte, R. Jarman, T. McWhinnie, R. Agnew, V. Cotter, J. Sullivan, M. Aylett. Sub. R. Fedorcio (not used).

Referee: W. E. Cleere (Downley).

Half-time: 1-0. **Goalscorers,** Wycombe — Reardon (8), Horseman (59). Aveley — Sullivan (54), Allen (69).

Attendance: 520.



ROB WILLIAMS
... misses Cup-tie.

Posh go top

WHILE Wycombe Wanderers were drawing 2-2 with Aveley in Saturday's friendly, their F.A. Cup, second round opponents Peterborough United, took over the leadership of the Football League Division Four.

Posh were away to bottom club Darlington — their last game before their visit to Loakes Park — and drew 2-2 after trailing 1-2 at one stage. With Colchester crashing 4-1 at Gillingham, Peterborough's point gives them the lead at the top.

The man who earned Peterborough's point on Saturday was skipper John Cozens, the club's top scorer.

TICKETS for Saturday's F.A. Cup tie against Peterborough are selling well and already 10,000 of the 15,000 have been sold. There is a limit of 15,000 and anyone intending to go to the match should purchase their tickets from the treasurer's office at Loakes Park by Thursday. The tickets are on sale up to and including Thursday from 7-8 p.m. The turnstiles will open on Saturday, but only for a short period until the ground limit of 15,000 is reached.

THAT OTHER CUP!

WHILE all the preparations are going on for Wycombe Wanderers' F.A. Cup meeting with Peterborough on Saturday, the draw for that other competition — the Amateur Cup — was announced yesterday (Monday). Once again, fortune has favoured the Blues with a home tie, against Hornchurch on January 5 (writes Stuart Earp).

To reach the first round, they have beaten Grays Athletic, Rainham, Ford United and Vauxhall Motors, the latter 1-0 in the last round. In the F.A. Cup, Hornchurch held Sutton United to a draw before losing at Gander Green Lane. They have met Marlow in the Athenian League this term, beating them 2-1 at the Stadium in October.

Hornchurch hit the headlines last year when their first team walked out after a row with manager Jimmy Quayle. Arthur Wenborn took over and has got together a useful side this season. Top scorer is Alan Noonan with ten goals.

Wycombe announced this week they will be training as normal on Tuesday and Thursday. They have hired a generator from Lovells and may use it for the cup match on Saturday.

But there was some bad news also this week. Rob Williams, the Blues full-back, is almost certainly out of Saturday's game due to a groin strain sustained against Newport in the last round. It was noticeable against Aveley that Tony Brothers played in the full-back role for the second half and the chances are he will play in that position against Peterborough.

ATHENIAN LEAGUE

	Division 1					
	P	W	D	L	F	A Pts
B'ham Wood	14	9	3	2	21	8 21
Cheshunt	16	6	7	3	25	13 19
Erith & B.	15	6	6	3	21	16 18
Ruislip M.	11	7	3	1	22	9 17
Grays Ath.	16	5	6	5	17	16 16
Croydon Ams	16	5	6	5	19	20 10
Ware	12	6	3	3	20	13 15
H'nchurch	12	6	3	3	18	14 15
Lewes	9	4	4	1	9	3 12
Edmonton	13	3	6	4	9	10 12
Redhill	14	4	4	6	12	17 12
Letchw'th.	11	5	1	5	12	14 11
Hounslow	12	4	3	5	13	16 11
Wembley	16	4	3	9	20	27 11
Worthing	8	4	1	3	12	12 9
Marlow	12	3	2	7	7	14 8
Eastbne. U.	14	3	2	9	15	31 8
Herne Bay	15	1	3	11	4	22 5